

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (original) An external skin preparation comprising:

- (1) octyl methoxycinnamate,
- (2) oxide selected from the group consisting of titanium oxide, zinc oxide and mixtures thereof, and
- (3) glucoside selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene methyl glucoside, polyoxypropylene methyl glucoside and mixture thereof.

2. (original) An external skin preparation according to claim 1, which is a sun-screening cosmetic.

3. (original) An agent for reducing the skin irritation of octyl methoxycinnamate in an external skin preparation comprising:

- (1) octyl methoxycinnamate,
- (2) oxide selected from the group consisting of titanium oxide, zinc oxide and mixtures thereof, and
- (3) glucoside selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene methyl glucoside, polyoxypropylene methyl glucoside and mixture thereof.

4. (original) A method of reducing the skin irritation of octyl methoxycinnamate in an external skin preparation comprising:

- (1) octyl methoxycinnamate,
- (2) oxide selected from the group consisting of titanium oxide, zinc oxide and mixtures thereof, and
- (3) glucoside selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene methyl glucoside, polyoxypropylene methyl glucoside and mixture thereof.

5. (new) An external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the octyl methoxycinnamate is at least 10% by weight.

6. (new) An external preparation according to claim 1, wherein the octyl methoxycinnamate is in the range of 1.0 to 15% by weight.

7. (new) An external preparation according to claim 6, wherein the octyl methoxycinnamate is in the range of 2.0 to 10% by weight.